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SUBJECT:TRADE RELATIONS WITH BULGARIA

1. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED THE MFN PAPER PREPARED FOR THE
BULGARIANS BY DAVID MORSE AND STANTON ANDERSON. MAGEE
IS CARRYING A COPY TO SOFIA.

2. THE PAPER CONTAINS ONE ERRONEOUS PARAGRAPH ON PAGE
SIX: QUOTE. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS INFORMED US
THAT THEY ARE IN THE PROCESS OF FORMULATING A SERIES
OF QUESTIONS REGARDING THE ABOVE REFERENCED COMMERCIAL AND
TRADE MATTERS. THESE QUESTIONS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF BULGARIA THROUGH OUR EMBASSY IN SOFIA.

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UNQUOTE.

3. THE DEPARTMENT SAID NO SUCH THING. WE TOLD ANDERSON
AND MORSE THAT WE WERE DEVELOPING A SERIES OF QUESTIONS TO
BE USED AS GUIDANCE FOR FUTURE REPORTING. WE SAID THAT WE
COULD NOT GIVE THE LIST OF QUESTIONS TO THE LAWYERS AND
THAT WE WANTED TO AVOID GIVING THE BULGARIANS THE IMPRES-

SION THAT WE WOULD GO AHEAD WITH MFN IF ONLY THEY COULD GIVE
THE RIGHT ANSWERS TO OUR QUESTIONS.

4. IF THE BULGARIANS ASK THE EMBASSY ABOUT THIS, YOU
SHOULD TELL THEM THAT WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF PRE-
SENTING A LIST OF QUESTIONS. IF PRESSED, YOU MAY
SAY THAT ANDERSON AND MORSE MISUNDERSTOOD WHAT THEY
WERE TOLD. CHRISTOPHER

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